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NOTICE OF APPEAL FROM THE EXAMINER TO THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES

Docket No.  
0503-1089  
Conf. No. 8422

In re Application of Francis BRIAND et al.	
Application No. 09/870,014	Filed May 31, 2001
For LASER/ARC HYBRID WELDING PROCESS WITH APPROPRIATE GAS MIXTURE	
Group Art Unit 1725	Examiner Kevin McHenry

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Applicant hereby appeals to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision of the Examiner dated October 2, 2003

rejecting the following claims:

1, 2, 7-9, 15, 16 and 18-25

The fee for this Notice of Appeal is: \$ 330

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extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) to reply to the rejection:

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☐ Applicant is a small entity under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27. Therefore, the fee shown above is reduced by half, and the resulting fee is:

A verified statement of small entity status under 37 CFR 1.27:

- ☐ is enclosed.  
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